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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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FOR COUNSELOR HART

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: IS, EAID, ENRG

SUBJECT: FULFILLMENT OF U.S. OIL STORAGE OBLIGATION

REF: (A) STATE 132491, (B) TEL AVIV 6723

1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RAPID RESPONSE. UNCLASSIFIED
POUCH 5/26 CONTAINS MATERIAL BEING PROVIDED TO EMBASSY
HERE. IT CONTAINS ALL MATERIAL EARLIER TRANSMITTED IN
TEL AVIV PLUS ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE TESTIMONY, SOME OF
WHICH WILL BE NEW TO EMBASSY.
2. WE HAD CONSIDERED PROVIDING SOMEWHAT LESS MATERIAL
THAN YOU DID IN ORDER TO PUT OUR BEST CASE FORWARD. AS
YOU POINT OUT, HOWEVER, MATERIAL IS ALL ACCESSIBLE TO
ISRAELIS, AND THEY MIGHT HAVE EVENTUALLY PULLED IT TO-
GETHER. THEREFORE, ON REFLECTION, WE NOW FAVOR THE FULLER

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PRESENTATION WHICH WE ARE MAKING TO THEM.

3. MATERIAL PROMISED REF A BEING SENT BY JUNE 1 CLASSI-
FIED POUCH SINCE IT IS OUR MOST EXHAUSTIVE SURVEY OF THE
PUBLIC RECORD. WE ARE TRYING TO DO A SIMILAR BUT MORE DIF-
FICULT REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFIDENTIAL TESTIMONY
IN ANY RELEVANT CLOSED HEARINGS. WILL KEEP EMBASSY IN-

FORMED OF ANYTHING WE UNCOVER ASSUMING, OF COURSE, ANY
POSSIBLE DEMARCHES IN TEL AVIV WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF
PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH WASHINGTON.

4. RESPONSE TO HART-VELIOTES LETTER OF MAY 12 COMING SEP-
ARATELY.

5. SUGGEST WE CONTINUE TO KEEP ALL CABLE TRAFFIC ON THE
SUBJECT IN STADIS/NEA DISTRIBUTION ONLY CHANNEL. VANCE

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